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Dear Mr. Sridhar:

Flight Dimensions International (dba Flight Explorer), a partner with the aviation community to provide powerful, integrated global flight tracking, information technology and communications solutions to enhance flight operations, is pleased to support the nomination of FACET: Future ATM Concepts Evaluation Tool, Technology Number ARC-14653-1, for the NASA Software of the Year Award.

NASA's development of FACET—a decision support, situational awareness and operational planning tool for air dispatchers using the FAA's national airspace system—is an achievement to improve traffic flow modernization for users of the U.S. National Airspace System. Flight Explorer licensed FACET from NASA and has integrated it into our world-class aircraft situational display product, Flight Explorer Professional V6.0. Beta testing feedback and initial customer reaction indicate that FACET will be a very successful addition to Flight Explorer Professional.

FACET has become recognized as a valuable asset whereby end-users—the FAA, the major/national/regional airlines, cargo carriers, and executive jet operators—can save time, money, and fuel while improving operational efficiency and enhancing customer service. FACET allows air dispatchers to select the most efficient routing of their aircraft fleets in the face of dynamically changing and congested air traffic conditions.

FACET is a powerful, practical, and valuable tool. NASA Ames' innovative deployment will maximize FACET's impact for the nation. Thus, we recommend strongly that FACET be selected for the NASA Software of the Year Award.

Sincerely.

James Kelly

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